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Dear Practical Nursing examination applicant:

To qualify to take the national licensing examination for practical nurses through Washington State, you need to complete a personal-vocational relationships class.

Washington state regulations specify curriculum requirements for practical nursing programs. One of these requirements is for personal-vocational relationships, which examines the rules related to practical nurse scope of practice in Washington. This content is integrated into the practical nursing curriculum at the majority of practical nursing programs in the state. With the content integrated, it is not feasible for the various practical nursing programs to offer this content separately to the small number of individuals who need to meet this requirement in order to qualify to take the practical nursing exam.

Two of the nursing program directors developed a one credit independent study course to assist applicants for the practical nursing exam who need the personal-vocational relationships content. These Directors are very busy, but have agreed to assist individuals with learning this information. Please contact them by telephone or email; if you telephone please leave a message and they will return your telephone call as soon as they can.

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The Directors will notify the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission when you have satisfactorily completed this course. If you have further questions, please contact our Nursing Education Manager, Usrah Claar-Rice, at (360) 236-4745.

Sincerely,

Washington State Department of Health
Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission